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SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

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1. DEAN IRANPOUR DJAZANI OF SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ADVISES THAT CHANCELLOR'S PLANS FOR CEREMONIES MARKING UNIVERSITY DAY ON MARCH 14 INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INAUGURATION OF PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL INDICATE THAT (A) STUDENTS SHOULD CONSIDER ENROLLING FOR CERTAIN COURSES IN SPRING 1976 TERM WHICH RELATE TO AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED FROM FALL 1976; (B) AN AMERICAN FULBRIGHT LECTURER IS EXPECTED FROM SEPTEMBER 1976 TO LEAD DEVELOPMENT THIS PROGRAM; (C) THE FALL '76 PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO GROW AND TO INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBILITIES FOR IRANIAN STUDENTS WHO WISH TO SEEK GRADUATE DEGREES IN AMERICAN STUDIES AT US UNIVERSITIES.

2. IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS CHANCELLOR ABBAS SAFAVIAN INDICATED THAT HE PLANS BUILD THIS MODEST BEGINNING INTO A 60-HOUR PROGRAM WHICH WILL CONSITITUTE A REGULAR MAJOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES. HOPES HAVE TWO OR MORE AMERICAN PROFESSORS IN YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO 1976-77. BELIEVES PROGRAM WILL BE ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE TO STUDENTS IN JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR AT FACULTY OF LETTERS AND IN
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FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

3. AMERICAN STUDIES COORDINATOR IS PROF. DJAZANI, WHO PLANS VISIT US ON INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM MID-MARCH 1976 (REF. 4). POST HAS PROVIDED DJAZANI WITH SET OF MATERIALS ON AMERICAN STUDIES ASSEMBLED BY AGENCY (REF. 3).

4. DJAZANI ALSO ACCEPTED POST'S PROPOSAL FOR PARTNERSHIP PROJECT TO SUPPLEMENT RESOURCES NEEDED FOR AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM. PROPOSED PROJECT HAS THREE ELEMENTS: FIRST, SELECTION, TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF A TEXTBOOK IN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY. SECOND IS PLAN FOR BOOK PURCHASES IN FIELD AMERICAN STUDIES. THIRD IS BOOK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN WHICH NATIONAL FACULTY MEMBER WOULD WRITE AN ORIGINAL TEXT IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT, UNDER ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR THOSE POST HAS ALREADY MADE WITH TEHRAN UNIVERSITY (REF. 5) FOR PUBLICATION OF A BOOK ON AMERICAN HISTORY WHICH INDEED CHANCELLOR SAFAVIAN VOLUNTEERED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER FOR USE IN PROGRAM AT NATIONAL.

5. FOLLOWING IS PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL INFORMATION IN FORMAT STIPULATED IN REF. 1:

(A) PARTNERSHIP GRANT WOULD BE USED TO SHARE COSTS OF A THREE PHASE PROJECT. FIRST ELEMENT IS TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF A COLLEGE TEXTBOOK IN GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES. TITLE TO BE CHOSEN BY DEAN DJAZANI, WHO ALSO CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY IN FACULTY OF LETTERS, DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS IN US NEXT MONTH. HE WILL UNDERTAKE TRANSLATION IN COOPERATION WITH COLLEAGUES. UNIVERSITY WILL PRODUCE AND PUBLISH BOOK. ESTIMATED COST OF TRANSLATION AND PRINTING OF 2000 COPIES HARDBOUND TEXTBOOK IS \$17,000. (BREAKDOWN IS \$10 PER PAGE FOR TRANSLATION; ESTIMATE 700 PAGES. PRINTING COSTS \$5.00 PER COPY; 2000 COPIES. \$10,000) BY UNIVERSITY POLICY, BOOK WOULD BE SOLD TO STUDENTS AT FIFTY PERCENT OF COST. DJAZANI WILL USE IT AS ASSIGNED TEXT IN HIS DEPARTMENT, AND EXPECTS SALES AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES OFFERING GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMS. AGENCY SHARE OF COSTS: \$8,500.

SECOND ELEMENT IS BOOK PURCHASE PROGRAM. NATIONAL LIBRARIAN, WOULD WORK TO DEVELOP COLLECTION SECONDARY MATERIALS IN AMERICAN STUDIES, INCLUDING HISTORY, LITERATURE, GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, ET AL. POST WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE FOR COOPERATION OF FULBRIGHTER CARL HINTZ NOW ASSIGNED TEHRAN UNIVERSITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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SITY. TOTAL OF \$20,000 WOULD BE SPENT FIRST YEAR. THEREAFTER UNIVERSITY PREPARED INCLUDE AT LEAST \$10,000 FOR AMERICAN STUDIES MATERIALS IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS. AGENCY SHARE THIS YEAR, \$10,000.

THIRD ELEMENT IS DEVELOPMENT OF ORIGINAL PERSIAN LANGUAGE TEXTBOOK IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO BE WRITTEN BY A SENIOR MEMBER OF NATIONAL FACULTY, WHO WOULD BE PLACED ON

SABBATICAL LEAVE TO ENABLE HIM TO VISIT US FOR ONE TERM (SIX MONTHS). UNIVERSITY WOULD PAY HIS SALARY OF APPR. \$9,000 (ANNUAL \$18,000), AND COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND PRINTING OF 2000 COPIES PAPERBACK BOOK, ESTIMATED AT \$6,000. COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS SIX MONTHS IN US ESTIMATED AT \$8,000. PROGRAM ENVISAGED WOULD INCLUDE STUDY AND CONSULTATION WITH AMERICAN TEXTBOOK WRITERS IN FIELD AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AND PREPARATION OF ALL MATERIALS FOR BOOK. SUB-TOTAL THIS ELEMENT \$23,000. AGENCY SHARE \$11,500. TOTAL COST ENTIRE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM \$60,000; AGENCY SHARE \$30,000. NOTE THESE AMOUNTS ARE ESTIMATES, AND PRIOR COMPLETING GRANT AGREEMENT POST WILL HAVE MORE PRECISE FIGURES. (B) SPONSORING ORGANIZATION IS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, TEHRAN. NATIONAL ("MELLI" IN PERSIAN) IS RELATIVELY NEW INSTITUTION, FOUNDED 1960. PRESENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT ABOUT 8,000. ITS SEVEN COLLEGES AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTE ONE OF BETTER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN IRAN. UNTIL LAST YEAR'S DECREE WHICH PROVIDED THAT GOI WOULD PAY VIRTUALLY EVERYONE'S TUITION (IN RETURN FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVE GOVERNMENT AFTER GRADUATION), STUDENTS AT NATIONAL PAID TUITION WHICH BY IRANIAN STANDARDS WAS HIGH. THE CAMPUS WHICH IS HANDSOME, MODERN, AND ALMOST SUBURBAN, HAS GENERALLY HAD A MAJORITY OF STUDENTS FROM MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASSES. FACULTY HAS MANY IRANIAN ALUMNI OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. PROGRAMS THERE BY VISITING AMERICAN LECTURERS IN ARTS AND LETTERS HAVE USUALLY BEEN WELL ATTENDED, WITH GOOD AUDIENCE RESPONSE. THERE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO USIS SUGGESTIONS ON AMERICAN STUDIES BY MANY AMERICAN-TRAINED FACULTY MEMBERS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES. POST BELIEVES THAT FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT EXISTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AMERICAN STUDIES.

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(C) END RESULT IMPLEMENTATION THIS PROJECT WILL BE ENHANCEMENT CHANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SIZEABLE PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES AT A MAJOR UNIVERSITY WHERE NOW ONLY MOST RUDIMENTARY BEGINNINGS EXIST. POST REGARDS CHANCELLOR'S EXPECTATION DEVELOP 60 HOURS MAJOR AS REAL POSSIBILITY, DEFINITELY WORTH WORKING TOWARD.

(D) ALSO BELIEVE UNIVERSITY CAN AND WILL ALLOCATE \$10,000 EACH YEAR FOR LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS IN AMERICAN STUDIES, IF PROGRAM DEVELOPS. NO PROBLEM WITH TWO BOOK PROJECTS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WHICH SURE TO RECEIVE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE PROFESSORS INVOLVED AND WHICH CHANCELLOR HAS APPROVED. BOTH CERTAIN TO BECOME TEXTBOOKS AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND, IN ALL LIKLIHOOD, AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS. INDEED EXISTENCE OF THESE MATERIALS IN PERSIAN COULD STIMULATE INITIATION OF THESE SUBJECTS AT OTHER SCHOOLS. UNIVERSITY FORESEES NO PROBLEM COVERING ITS SHARE COSTS. UNIVERSITY POLICY IS TO OFFER ITS PUBLICATIONS TO STUDENTS AT HALF COST.

(E) UNIVERSITY HAS CAPABLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LIBRARY STAFF. NEWLY-APPOINTED VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, WHO CONTROLS BUDGET, PROF. JAVAD BAZARGANI, IS PURDUE PH.D. WHO WORKED EFFECTIVELY WITH POST ON NAMESA CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN STUDIES WHEN HE PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE IN TEHRAN. HE AS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER AMERICAN STUDIES AS IS PROJECT COORDINATOR DJAZANI.

(F) AMERICAN STUDIES COURSES NOW IN BEING AT NATIONAL LIMITED TO SEGMENTS OF COURSES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE IN LETTERS FACULTY, AND A 2-HOUR COURSE IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AT SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. CHANCELLOR PROPOSES UNCLASSIFIED

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DJAZANI AS COORDINATOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM WHICH WILL BESTRIDE BOTH FACULTIES.

(G) POST'S MODEL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, WITH WHICH CHANCELLOR ACQUAINTED, ENVISAGES COMMITMENT OF FULBRIGHT FUNDS OVER TEN YEAR PERIOD TO SUPPORT AMERICAN LECTURERS IN AMERICAN STUDIES, AND GRANTS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLAR AND GRADUATE STUDENT PROJECTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES AT EACH OF SEVERAL IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES. ADDITIONAL REVENUES EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FROM AMERICAN STUDIES ENDOWMENT PROPOSED BY POST, ESTABLISHMENT OF WHICH LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BOTH FOR EXCHANGES OF LECTURERS AND SCHOLARS AND FOR LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS.

(H) SPECIAL AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED: FROM AGENCY NEED (A) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANT TO NATIONAL IN AMOUNT OF \$30,000, FROM PARTNERSHIP RPROJECT BUDGET. (B) ANOTHER SET OF AMERICAN STUDIES MATERIALS FOR POST USE (REF. 3, PARA. 4) NEEDED ASAP. FROM DEPARTMENT: ONE OF THE AMERICAN LECTURERS REQUESTED IN COMMISSION'S PROGRAM PROPOSAL SHOULD BE FOR NATIONAL. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH

TO SUGGEST TO ALL CANDIDATES THAT CERTAIN OF THEM, WHILE
ASSIGNED PRIMARILY TO ONE UNIVERSITY, MAY IN FACT HAVE PART-
TIME ASSIGNMENTS AT A SECOND INSTITUTION, AS CIRCUMSTANCES
REQUIRE.

6. POST NEGOTIATING NEW PARTNERSHIP PROJECT WITH TEHRAN
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